

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request changes in x prison so that the incarcerated people there can have safe housing conditions. The current conditions are violating the ADA, the 14th and the 8th amendment.

The failure to properly maintain/use equipment (swamp coolers) and report true temperatures in all areas on the prisons where incarcerated people are housed constitutes cruel and unusual punishment. Multiple incarcerated people are suffering from heat related illnesses, including Adrienne Boulware who tragically passed away on 7/6/24 in Central California Women's Facility (CCWF), Chowchilla.

I have received reports that thermometers are not visible to the incarcerated population, and when they have inquired to the staff where the thermometers are located they were placed by doors/windows that blow cool air directly onto them. The cells are not checked for the temperature, where they spend sometimes more than 90% of their time. On occasion when the cells are checked, they are checking in the morning or night only and the coolest cells are the ones checked. There is no cold or ice water available to them, however the CO's have ice water available to them. They are being denied cold showers. There are no medical staff checking on them or offering electrolytes although we have received many reports with proof that it is above 90 degrees indoors. This is unacceptable.

Myself and others have reached out repeatedly, to which we have all received copy and paste messages that the heat guidelines are being followed, the equipment is working and that the temperatures are within acceptable ranges. None of this is true according to numerous written and/or verbal statements from incarcerated persons.

Please promptly address these issues by:

- Checking the cell temperatures (not the air coming out of the vents) in the middle of the day (12- 4PM)

- Provide ice water in igloos

- Fix any broken swamp coolers

- Place swamp coolers and fans on the top tiers

- Open food tray slots

- Allow the cell doors to be open more, especially during the hottest time of the day (between 2 and 4 PM)

- Allow them to take cold showers

- Have medical staff check on the incarcerated population

Thank you,

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